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SUBJECT.

Objections taken by the Manager of the Binny mills, Bangalore to certain passages in the 'Daily post' of the 29th Sept 09 regarding the working of the factories in the Mysore state during 1908

PREVIOUS REFERENCES. LATER REFERENCES.

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FILE HEADING.

Objections taken by the Manager of the Bunny Mills Bangalore, to certain passages in the "Daily Post" of the 29th Sep: 09 regarding the Report on the working of the Factories in the Mysore State during 1908.

From

Mr Chambers, Asstt Manager of the Bunny Mills

No. Letter Dated 8th Oct 09 Received 11th Oct 09

Diary No. 9953	Enclos.	Spare Copies "	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Objects to certain statements that appeared in the above newspaper regarding the use of tank water by the Mills, the accummulation of rubbish on their premises etc.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

As regards the first statement, viz that the tank-water is being used for washing purposes, to which objection is raised, it is seen that this statement was made by the Deputy Commr, Bangalore Dist in his report on the working

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of the factories in the Bangalore dist.

2. As regards the second statement relating to the period of interval that is allowed to women, no such remark has been made in the Govt. Review. It is only stated therein that "Govt. remarked in their review for 1907, that in the two mills at Bangalore, the provisions of this section (Section 6) were not being observed. There has been no improvement in this respect during the year 1908". From this it is to be observed that no mention is made as to the exact period of interval that is allowed by the Binny Mills and to which objection has been taken by the Govt. Probably, the general drift of the Govt. Review does not seem to have been understood by the newspaper in question.

3 The manager of the Mills explains for the presence of the rubbish that was found in the mills' premises.

4 Submitted for orders.

Dr. S. S. W. 14.10.09

5 It is to be feared that

The Editor has apparently misunderstood the Review. What the Govt said in the Review was that refused to the inadequate interval allowed to women in the Bangalore Mills and it did not mean to say that no interval was allowed. Sec 6 ~~provides~~ lays down that when women are made to work for 11 hours in a day, an interval of one hour and a half should be given. But the Mills allow only one hour. It is to this that the Review refused. Govt can not be responsible if Editors do not take the trouble to understand clearly what is said in a Review.

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Govt can take no action
on Comments made by the newspapers
regarding the Condition of the mills
If the Comments are based on
inaccurate reports of facts furnished
in an official Communication, the
case may perhaps be different In
the present case the review is
unexceptionable and we can not
say that the Dt Magt's remark
report is in anyway open to serious
objection[1] No doubt the managers of the mills
try to explain away the presence
of the rubbish heap etc, but their
existence is not denied.

If any action is considered
necessary at this stage a copy of the letter
under disposal may be sent to the
D.M. for remarks

21/10/09

Leg Sr. Clerk send a copy of the
letter to the D.M. for remarks

Mr Woods
28/10/09

D.M.
26/10/09

Dr Ford
11/11/09

Dr Irwin
4/11/09

[1] Except perhaps in regard to the use of the tank water for washing purposes.

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To the Dist Magistrate, Bangalore
No J 1281 dated 9th Nov: 09

Forwards copies of the letter and of its enclosure for his remarks if any.

No 566 dated 2/5/10 from the Dt Magistrate Bangalore

Submits his report on the allegations contained in Mr Chamber's letter dated 8/10/09 (Serial 1).

10) Submitted

The Dt Magistrate, Bangalore reports that he recently inspected the Mills and on enquiry found that the Coy has been using the tank water for washing purposes, that as regards the rubbish in the premises a considerable portion has been removed and the remaining portion, it was stated, would be removed soon and that there was no misstatement made in his last report (Report for 1908)

6/5/10 SN 6/5/10 11) (1) Regarding the used tank water for washing purposes the District Magistrate maintains that his statement is correct while

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the Company deny or

(2) the existence of the rubbish on the premises is admitted though the Company try to explain it away as "inevitable in a Colliery mid

(3) The District Magistrate has made no ms statement in regard the items of rest

14 It is perhaps hardly worthwhile to pursue the matter further after this lapse of time. The facts brought to light may however be borne in mind when reviewing the report which is due shortly

2/5/60 Sd

Sd 7/5/60

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14 I think we may ask D.M.S. to communicate their remarks about the premises &c & the owners with unfavourable directions to amend. Beyond that I see no reason to a[illegible] in such matters

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The Bangalore Woollen, Cotton & Silk Mills Co. Ltd.
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
WOOLLEN, BANGALORE.

Bangalore City, 8th. October, 1909.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF H.H.THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE.
General & Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

We have the honour to enclose an extract from an article, which professes to be based on the the Report on the working of the Mysore Factories during the year 1908 and which appeared in the "Daily Post".

We have not had the opportunity of reading the Report alleged to be quoted from & cannot, therefore, be sure of the accuracy of the reproduction of the censure of this Company, presumably by the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore, therein contained.

We respectfully bring to the notice of Government that two of the statements made regarding our mill are definitely incorrect. No tank water is, or can be used for washing on our premises. The only supply laid on of tank water is in the fire mains, the hydrants of which are in locked boxes & inaccessible to the mill hands. The statement that women do not get an hour's rest is contradicted by the Inspecting Officer's quoted statement regarding the hours at this mill "from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. with an hours midday rest".

The statement attributed to the Deputy Commissioner in regard to rubbish heaps on our premises is easily explained. The trade refuse from wool & cotton manufacture is considerable in quantity & must inevitably be put somewhere on the mill premises until it can be removed, as it is removed regularly by contractors. To a

person revisiting the mill after a considerable interval the rubbish heap may appear to be the same as on his previous inspection. Really the heap is the same, but its contents completely changed. It is as if one considered the water in a river to be the same water year after year.

Another rubbish heap which we understand was objected to, is the scrap heap of old machinery replaced by new. This again is sold as old iron at intervals. It is difficult to conceive that a number of broken pieces of cast iron in the mill compound can have an adverse effect on the health of persons working inside the mill in immediate contact with a vastly greater number of unbroken pieces of the same machinery.

We hear from our mill manager that the Deputy Commissioner actually objected to the presence in the compound of a number of new wrought iron trusses provided for the renewal of certain roofs. They certainly can hardly be considered as insanitary.

We submit that statements of this kind in a newspaper, which are alleged to be made on the authority of the Mysore Government, are distinctly injurious to this Company & that we should be afforded full opportuniity of refuting them.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants

For The Bangalore Woollen Cotton & Silk Mills Co. Ltd.
For Binny & Co., Ltd.

I. W. Chambers

ASSISTANT MANAGER.
AGENTS, SECRETARIES & TREASURERS

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tion here may appear to be the same as on his previous inspection.
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Another striking fact of modernisation was objected to in the
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as old iron at increased prices. It is difficult to conceive that a num-
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We have the honour to be

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Your most obedient servants

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The Bangalore Woollen, Cotton & Silk Mills Co.ⁿ Ltd.ᵈ

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
WOOLLEN, BANGALORE.

Bangalore City, 8th. October, 1909

EXTRACT FROM "THE DAILY POST", BANGALORE, dated 29th. September, 1909.

" Strangely enough it is in the Bangalore District, and at the Bangalore Woollen, cotton & Silk Mills Company's works that the most fault is found. Nearer a large city, with every facility for improv- its buildings and sanitary arrangements, the report states that 'there has not been much improvement in the sanitary arrangements made in the Binny Mills. A lot of rubbish was heaped up on parts of the mill premises. This was pointed out to the Manager during my inspection in the previous year but he does not seem to have attended to it. He has however been instructed again to have the rubbish removed early." Tank water is used for washing in both these and the Sirur Mills.'

" At Hunsur the women employed are allowed an hour's rest, in the Bangalore Districts Mills even this interval, which is below that of the prescribed minimum, has not been observed ."

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To

[Annexed letter dated the 8th Oct 1909 from Messrs. J. W. Chambers, West Manager, The Bengalee Printing Co. Ltd. Bengalee Mills, Calcutta Lilt Mills Co. Ltd.]

Date of issue 9-11-09.

Signed by Mr. S. Hiriyannaiya

Copies of the above letter & its enclosure are forwarded to the District Magistrate, Bengal, with the request that for his remarks, if any, thereon, An early reply is requested

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SUBJECT.

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Bangalore District.
District Magisthale's office
dated 2nd May 1910.

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From.

B. J. Kumarasami Naik Esquire B.A.
District Magisthate
Bangalore District.

To

K. P. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.
Hg. Secretary to the Government of Madras
General and Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. J. 1281 dated 9th November 1909 Legis 14-09, asking me to submit my remarks on the allegations made in the copy of letter dated 8th October 1909 from J. W. Chamberlain Esquire Assistant Manager the Bangalore Woollen Cotton and Silk Mills Co. Ltd. Limited to the Govern- ment, I have the honor to state that I received the above mentioned letter and on enquiry ascertained that the Company has been using tank water for wash- ing purposes.

2. As regards the head of complaint re

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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dist.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Legislative Department

Dated 2nd May 1910.

Despatched

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Enclosure No.

Legislative memo. J 1281/1 dated
14 of 9th November 1909.

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Referring to the allegations made in the copy of letter J 8/10/09 from J. W. Chambers Esqr. Secretary, the Bangalore Silk Mills Co. Ltd Bangalore

the premises of the Company, a considerable portion of it has been removed and it was stated at the time of inspection that the remaining portion would be removed soon

3. As regards the rest given to operatives working in the Mill no mistakement has been made in my last year's report

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District